

SECTION 920

SANITARY AND STORM SEWER MANHOLES

920.1 GENERAL

This section contains items which are relative to the installation of sanitary and storm sewer manholes.

920.2 REFERENCES

920.2.1 ASTM

C 43	C 497
C 139	C 1557
C 478	

920.2.2 This publication

SECTION 101	SECTION 106
SECTION 102	SECTION 161
SECTION 105	

920.3 MANHOLE MATERIALS

Sewer manhole materials shall be as specified in other sections, as follows:

Portland Cement Concrete	Section 101
Steel Reinforcing	Section 102
Concrete Curing Compound	Section 105
Cement Mortar and Grout	Section 106
Gray Iron Castings	Section 161

920.4 MANHOLE CONSTRUCTION

920.4.1 GENERAL:

920.4.1.1 Soil Foundations for manhole base shall be compacted to a density of 95 percent of the maximum density per ASTM D 1557. Compaction limits shall be one foot beyond the perimeter of the concrete base and shall be a minimum of one foot in depth.

920.4.1.2 Manholes shall be constructed in accordance with the Standard Detail Drawings and as shown on the construction plans. Precast reinforced concrete units, concrete blocks or formed in place, reinforced concrete may be used to construct the manhole.

920.4.1.3 Invert elevation of the pipes entering or exiting the manhole and interior inverts shall not vary more than 0.05 foot from the elevations indicated on the construction plans.

920.4.1.4 All cement used for poured foundations, mortar, fillets, grout, and concrete shelf construction shall be Type II or approved equal.

920.4.1.5 All concrete for formed in place foundations or bases, concrete shelves, and pipe supports shall be 3000 psi compressive strength concrete.

920.4.1.6 Depending on the size of the pipe, connections to existing and new manholes shall be made by either core drilling through the manhole wall, performed for new precast units, or for large-size pipe the manhole wall may be removed by carefully chipping the wall segment which will permit entry of the pipe. In the latter operation, exposed manhole reinforcement should be bent and tied to the reinforcement of the pipe collar. If core drilling is not practical, the CONTRACTOR shall request the ENGINEER to authorize the chipping operation. During either operation the CONTRACTOR shall take care to avoid unnecessary damage to the manhole surfaces or walls.

920.4.2 PRECAST CONCRETE MANHOLES:

920.4.2.1 The vertical sections of the

manhole may be of different dimensions in order that manholes of various depths can be readily assembled.

920.4.2.2 Concrete, used for precast bases, vertical sections, and eccentric cones, shall be 4000 psi compressive strength concrete.

920.4.2.3 Vertical sections of the manhole shall conform to the requirements of ASTM C 478.

920.4.2.4 The CONTRACTOR shall submit shop drawings of the precast base and eccentric cone to the ENGINEER for review and approval.

920.4.2.5 Circular precast manhole sections shall be provided with mastic gasket to seal joints between sections, such as RAM-NEK, KENT SEAL, or approved equal.

920.4.2.6 All lifting holes, except Type "C" manhole covers, and gaps at joints shall be filled with a nonshrink grout.

920.4.2.7 Precast concrete manhole bases may be used when approved by the ENGINEER. If approved, it shall be with the understanding that the CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for placing the bases at the specified elevation, location, and alignment.

920.4.3 FORMED INPLACE REINFORCED CONCRETE MANHOLE:

920.4.3.1 The CONTRACTOR shall submit preconstruction drawings of the proposed

manholes to the ENGINEER for review and approval.

920.4.3.2 Concrete used for this type of manhole construction shall be 4000 psi compressive strength concrete.

920.4.3.3 If desired, a precast eccentric cone or a flat cover can be used.

920.4.4 CONCRETE BLOCK MANHOLE:

920.4.4.1 The CONTRACTOR shall submit preconstruction drawings of the proposed manhole to the ENGINEER for review and approval.

920.4.4.2 Concrete masonry units for the construction of this type of manhole shall conform to ASTM C 139 and the Standard Detail Drawings. All blocks shall be mortared into place.

920.4.4.3 Eccentric cone or flat-type cover shall be used.

920.4.5 TEE PIPE MANHOLE:

920.4.5.1 Tee pipe manholes will be used for all 4-foot-diameter mainline pipes and larger. Horizontal section of the tee pipe shall be the same class of pipe as the adjacent sections. The vertical sections shall comply with the requirements set forth in ASTM C 478.

920.4.5.2 Top of the vertical portion of tee pipe unit will extend a minimum of 18 inches above the outside diameter of the horizontal pipe. The 4-foot-diameter vertical section of the tee pipe shall be connected at the longitudinal center point of the horizontal pipe section. The minimum length of horizontal pipe section shall be 8 feet.

920.4.5.3 The CONTRACTOR shall submit to the ENGINEER for review and approval preconstruction shop drawings on the fabrication of the tee pipe section as developed by a precast reinforced concrete pipe manufacturer. Field fabrication of this eccentric pipe unit will not be accepted. Shop drawings for the eccentric cone will also be submitted for review and approval.

920.4.5.4 RAM-NEK, Kent Seal, or Liquid Waste Division-approved equal sealants shall be used to seal the joints in the vertical portion of this manhole.

920.4.5.5 All lifting holes, except for Type "C" manhole covers, and gaps at joints shall be filled with a nonshrink grout.

920.4.5.6 Standard Detail Drawings show some of the components of the tee-type pipe manhole.

920.4.6 COATING OF MANHOLES:

920.4.6.1 Exterior of Manholes: Exterior coating of manholes shall be required in areas where ground water is present. The coating shall be a water-proofing type of bitumastic or asphaltic material, as approved by the ENGINEER. Application shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's published recommendations.

920.4.6.2 Interior of Maholes: Interior coating of manholes shall be required only when specified on the construction plans. The coating shall be an epoxy resin-type material, such as: "Zebron," "Plastite 7122," or approved equal, and shall be capable of protecting the concrete from deterioration due to a gaseous environment. Application shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's published recommendations.

920.4.6.3 Plastering of Manholes: The work shall include the coating of the surface of existing block manholes with plaster as required on the plans.

920.4.7 MANHOLE STEPS:

920.4.7.1 Manhole steps shall be 1/2" diameter, grade 60, reinforcing rod completely encapsulated in copolymer polypropylene or corrosion resistant rubber compound. Steps shall be designed to be cast in place or hammered into holes in manhole walls.

920.4.7.2 Approved manhole steps of only one manufacturer model shall be used on any specific project and shall not be intermixed with other approved steps. Approved steps must bear the manufacturer name and model on the exposed surface of the step and shall be one of the following products or approved equals:
M.A. Industries, Inc. - Model PS-2-PFS
H. Bowen Co.-Bowco, Model 81213 or 93813
Delta Pipe Products - WEDG-LOK, Model W-11

920.4.7.3 The minimum width of step tread shall be 11 inches. Steps will be spaced uniformly in each manhole. Spacing may be between 12 inches to 16 inches on center. Lower step will be 12 inches above manhole shelf or top of main. The upper step shall be 6 inches below the top portion of the eccentric cone or 6 inches below the bottom of the flat cover. Also the steps shall be aligned vertically with the opening of the cone or cover.

920.4.7.4 Steps shall be embedded in the manhole wall a minimum of 3" inches and protrude from the manhole interior surface a minimum of 4 3/4 inches.

920.4.7.5 Holes for step installation shall be drilled or precast per manufacturer's recommended size, or of sufficient size to allow for step insertion into the wall. Cast-in-place sockets or tapered holes recommended by the step manufacturer may be used with prior approval of ENGINEER. If the hole has been drilled too large, then the step shall be secured in place by using epoxy grout for the full depth of the drilled hole.

920.4.6 Acceptable manhole step installations must be capable of withstanding a 400 pound, horizontal, pull out load applied in accordance with ASTM C-497.

920.4.8 ADJUSTMENT BRICKS:

920.4.8.1 Manhole adjustment bricks shall conform to the requirements for manhole bricks, per ASTM C 32 for Grade MS.

920.4.8.2 Mortar shall be used to lay the bricks, as well as coating the interior and exterior surfaces of the laid brick. Thickness of the mortar coating shall be 1/2 inch.

920.4.9 MANHOLE FRAME AND COVER:

The manhole frame and cover for either the sanitary or storm sewer manholes shall conform to the specifications contained in Section 161.

920.5 TESTING OF SEWER MANHOLES:

920.5.1 All sanitary sewer manholes shall be tested for leakage by either a water exfiltration test or a vacuum test. Whichever test is utilized it is recommended that the test be performed prior to backfilling around the manhole and prior to placement of the manhole frame and cover. All inlet and outlet lines shall be properly plugged and the lift holes and barrel joints filled and sealed as specified. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all materials and equipment necessary to perform the test and shall conduct the test in the presence of the ENGINEER or his representative. The CONTRACTOR has the option of performing a manhole test in increments appropriate to the depth of the manhole.

920.5.2 The water exfiltration test shall consist of filling the entire manhole with water to the bottom of the frame elevation. A stabilization period of one hour will be allowed for absorption, after which the manhole shall be refilled as necessary before starting the test. The test period shall be two (2) hours, after which the manhole shall be refilled, measuring the necessary quantity of

water. The allowable leakage shall be 0.25 gallons per foot diameter per vertical foot per day, and is represented by the following formula:

$$V = 0.25 \text{ DHT}/24$$

where; V = Allowable loss in gallons
D = Manhole diameter in feet

H = Initial depth of water to invert in feet

T = Duration of test in hours

920.5.3 The vacuum test shall consist of utilizing an inflatable compression band, vacuum pump, gauges and appurtenances specifically designed for vacuum testing. Test procedures shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's printed recommendations. The ENGINEER shall be the sole judge as to the adequacy of the equipment.

920.5.3.1 A vacuum of 10" Hg shall be placed in the manhole and the time measured for a drop to 8.5" Hg. The test shall be considered to be successful if the measured time exceeds the test period. Should the test fail, the manhole shall be repaired as necessary and the test rerun. The test periods are:

920.5.3.2 Sixty (60) seconds for four (4) foot diameter manholes.

920.5.3.3 Seventy-five (75) seconds for five (5) foot diameter manholes.

920.5.3.4 Ninety (90) seconds for six (6) foot diameter manholes.

920.5.3.5 One hundred and Twenty (120) seconds for eight (8) foot diameter manholes.

920.5.4 Normally storm sewer manholes need not be tested unless specifically required by the project plans or supplemental technical specifications. However, if in the opinion of the ENGINEER, the workmanship or materials do not appear to be satisfactory, the ENGINEER may require that any storm sewer manhole be tested in a similar manner as that for a sanitary sewer manhole.

920.6 ABANDONMENT OF MANHOLES

920.6.1 Abandonment of manhole, which is part of a sewer line being abandoned, shall entail the following work and materials:

920.6.2 Manhole will not be removed but will be abandoned in place.

920.6.3 All manhole inlet and outlet lines shall be plugged with a 12-inch-thick concrete or concrete mortar plug.

920.6.4 Salvageable material shall be stockpiled on the job site. The CONTRACTOR shall contact Liquid Waste Division to arrange for a representative to inspect the materials for usability. Salvageable materials shall be transported by the CONTRACTOR to Liquid Waste Division, City Yards. CONTRACTOR will receive a receipt for the turned-in materials. Receipts will be submitted to the ENGINEER prior to final acceptance of the Project. Unusable materials will be disposed of by the CONTRACTOR.

920.6.5 Manhole bottom will be pulverized.

920.6.6 The manhole shall be filled with cement treated base (CTB) material to the bottom elevation of the asphalt base course of the pavement or to the ground surface level.

920.6.7 All labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete this work shall be furnished by the CONTRACTOR.

920.6.8 For historical information the ENGINEER shall have a survey performed which will locate the abandoned manhole, relative to permanent survey markers.

920.7 SEWER MANHOLE REHABILITATION IN REPLACEMENT WORK

920.7.1 The work under this item shall be to replace the existing manhole frame and cover and to place a concrete pad around the existing manhole as required per the construction plans. This work will be done only when an existing manhole is encountered in the normal course of the replacement work that has a light-weight, vented, multi-holed manhole cover.

920.7.2 The work and materials shall include the following:

920.7.2.1 Remove any and all existing brick under frame and replace with new Grade MS brick as necessary to bring new frame and cover up to street grade.

920.7.2.2 Remove and replace existing concrete pad, or construct a new pad.

920.7.2.3 Remove existing steps and replace with new steps or, if steps are nonexistent, install new steps. Steps will be installed as per Subsection 815.4.7.

920.7.2.4 Remove and replace pavement.

920.7.2.5 Excavation and compaction of backfill as necessary.

920.7.2.6 All materials, labor, and equipment necessary to do the work under this item shall be furnished by the CONTRACTOR.

920.7.2.7 The work and materials under this item shall be done according to the manner set forth in the Standard Detail Drawings and other sections of these specifications.

920.7.3 Salvageable material shall be stockpiled on the job site. The CONTRACTOR shall contact Liquid Waste Division to arrange for a representative to inspect the materials for usability. Salvageable materials shall be transported by the CONTRACTOR to Liquid Waste Division, City Yards. CONTRACTOR will receive a receipt for the turned-in materials. Receipts will be submitted to the ENGINEER prior to final acceptance of the Project. Unusable materials will be disposed of by the CONTRACTOR.

920.8 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

920.8.1 NEW MANHOLES:

920.8.1.1 Type "C," "E," "F," or "G" manholes of 4-foot or 6-foot diameters shall be measured per each within the following increments of depth: 3 to 6 feet, 6 to 10 feet, and 10 to 14 feet. Manholes which are greater in depth than 1 foot shall be measured by the vertical foot. Measurements will be made to the nearest foot and will be from the manhole rim elevation to the manhole invert elevation.

920.8.1.2 Payment for manholes 14 feet deep or less will be made on the unit price per manhole diameter per depth increment as specified in the Bid Proposal. Payment for manhole depths which exceed 14 feet will be made on the unit price per manhole diameter per vertical foot. This payment is in addition to the manhole unit price for the portion above the 14 foot depth.

920.8.1.3 Type "A" or Tee-type manholes shall be measured and paid for by the methods described in 920.8.1.1 and 920.8.1.2. Measurement will be from the invert of the main line to the manhole rim. Payment under this item will include the normal manhole costs described below, as well as any additional pipe costs for the precast tee and for the concrete cradle under the tee.

920.8.1.4 Payment for any type diameter or depth of manhole will include excavation, compacted backfilling, shelving, cover or cone, leveling bricks, frame and cover, and concrete pad or collar.

920.8.2 ELEVATION ADJUSTMENTS:

920.8.2.1 When a new manhole is installed, no measurement or payment will be made for rim elevation adjustments to conform to street surface grades.

920.8.2.2 The following measurements and payments for rim elevation adjustments on existing manholes will be made for indicated conditions:

920.8.2.2.1 Unit price per inch of adjustment ring for adjustment to manhole frame by the addition of adjustment ring.

920.8.2.2.2 Unit price per inch of leveling brick adjustment.

920.8.2.2.3 Unit price per manhole diameter per vertical foot of adjustment to cone and/or barrel.

920.8.2.3 As required, the following items will be included in the unit price per appropriate adjustment: pavement removal and replacement, excavation, compacted backfilling, concrete collar or pad, leveling bricks, adjusting rings, and/or frame and cover.

920.8.3 COATING OF MANHOLE: Plastering or epoxy coating for manholes shall be measured and paid for on the unit price per square foot of surface area covered.

920.8.4 MANHOLE STEPS: Unless otherwise shown on the Bid Proposal, the cost of manhole steps shall be incidental to the unit prices for construction of manholes of various types and depths.

920.8.5 ABANDONMENT OF MANHOLES: Measurement and payment for abandonment of a manhole shall be the unit price per manhole for defined work in Subsection 920.6.

920.8.6 MANHOLE REHABILITATION IN REPLACEMENT WORK: Work under this item shall be measured and paid for by the unit price per manhole for work specified in the Bid Proposal.

920.8.7 TESTING: There will be no payment for required testing of sewer manholes.